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HERON'S WIFE.

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The Author Speaks.

"Come away," he said.

of stranger eyes-into an adjoining happenings." apartment which, fortunately, was empty. There, with a sudder revulsion may have felt he concealed it well. of feeling, she broke from her bridesome great despair.

"You have taken a contemptible advantage of my misfortunes!" she pant- took his hat, and left the house. ed. "I will never forgive you, Francis

He staggered a little under this unexpected attack. "You might be reasonable—you might

be civil," he said. But she was neither. With wild up-

braiding she went on: with him to destroy the last remnant to see Colonel Rivers. of my peace. You brought me from A servant ushered him into the draw-

He grew deadly pale. "How can you say such things, Ha-Wolfsden, and your friends at Heron-

"No, no Sergia is not, and never can be, my enemy. She had no part in my Really, for Sergia's sake, I must protest accusation, and she could not defend against such a strange proceeding!" me because she was ill."

He bit his lip. "Pardon me-I forgot Sergia. Judge Ferrers bade me fetch you to Heronests. You will do me the justice to be- day." lieve this, when you have time for re-

forbid that I should reflect! I meant jewels and money at the bottom of Miss her beautiful arms. "I was so happy only yesterday, and now I am wretch

ed-wretched!" ure, in its hopeless attitude-at the ing child-his feelings are really too maddening young face, round which much for him. Sir Griffin of course the dusky hair fell in disordered beau- fied like the wind. But one cannot ty. Had he acted unselfishly that day? blame him. Under the circumstances,

break cut him like a knife. "Why did you marry me?" she cried "How could you marry me, Francis Heron, when you knew I did not, and never would care for you?"

He hung his head. "Why does a starving man accept bread?" he answered bitterly, "or the see any one." thirsty drink? I married you-I may so madly that I was glad to take you Miss Carbury?" in any way-because I would rather opportunity before me-not all the powers of earth could have kept me from seizing it!'

Her great dark eyes filled with passionate scorn. "Don't talk to me like this-I will not

hear you!" she cried. He drew his breath hard. "You still love Sir Griffin Hope-

"Was I not his promised wife?" she

in an hour?"

"But he believed you guilty of thefthe deserted you in your greatest need."

She winced. cannot help it," drearily; "his shadow zel's one friend has been carefully kept stituted. is more to me-more-more than a from all knowledge of her misfortunes, world full of Francis Herons. In spite Miss Carbury?" of this dreadful marriage, I must love

to justify such devotion," said Heron, in a cold, labored voice. "However, I ly pities Hazel, and he did his utmost will not quarrel with your taste, Hazel. I will only remind you that I have helped you to gain your inheritance—at baronet was mad with grief and hor-

"What do I care for an inheritance that comes to me under circumstances like these?-that imposes upon me such bonds? The bitterness of death is in

least, you might thank me for that."

Convulsed with sobs, she cast herself prostrate on the floor, like a heart-

broken child.

Heron lifted her up and put her upon

"It is too late to repent or retract, he said, hoarsely. "We are now husband and wife. I have one task to accence to your Wolfsden friends, and to setting his teeth, "you need never see betwixt us. Because you have married I have something to say, which I wish me, do not fear that I shall presume to

She lay face downward on the pillows He waited a moment, then went quietly out, shutting the door upon her

In the chamber of death Heron stop sary orders to his servants, after which he descended the stairs, and in the hall he rang the bell, and bade the servant found Graham Vivian waiting for the tell Mrs. Van Wert that she was want trap that was to take him to the Black ed in the drawing room. River Station. With a haggard, care-

"All ready for departure, Vivian?" "Yes, my luggage has gone on before me. I shall be in time to catch the

last express to town.' "I dare say you little thought that you would be called to officiate at my the agitation to which we have all been marriage before you left," said Heron, exposed. Think of a thief in the house

TAR ANA MAR ARA RAR ARA RAR ARA MAR ARA RAR ARA RAR ARA "Don't trouble yourself," interrupted Heron, brusquely. "I hate mockery For a moment silence prevailed in even when it is unintentional. You Judge Ferrers's chamber. Francis He- have many virtues, Vivian-one is that ron laid the dead man gently down on you never bother a man with questions the pillows, took the hand of his new- If you love me, let me send a servant made bride, and drew her toward the to bring back your luggage-don't leave Heroncroft today-I need you here Stay till after Judge Ferrers's burial. Passively she submitted to be led I may then decide to sail with you for from the room-from the curious stare Cape Town-it is a time of strange

Whatever amazement Graham Vivian

"Certainly I will stay, since you ask groom. She seemed to awake with a it, dear boy," he answered, with forced shock from her stupor-to realize in a cheerfulness. "I have still a week or moment all that she had done. Her two that I may call my own before I face grew cold and white, as with leave America—that time is entirely at your disposal."

"Many thanks," said Heron, and he Cossack sneaked after his master to the garden boundary, but was sternly

Heron passed through the little gate into the grounds of Wolfsden, and along the same path which he had traversed at noon with the girl who was now his wife-his, till death should "I am not your wife-the words of part them! Long shadows stretched a preacher cannot make me that. Oh, across the way; the westering light I see it all! With the help of that shone warm and red in the shrubbery dreadful old man, now dead, you have Heron mounted the steps of the dust caught me in a trap-you were leagued brown house, rang the bell, and asked

Wolfsden that I might fall into the pit ing room. It was empty, but a moment which you two had digged for me later he heard a feminine rustle in the hall, and Miss Carbury burst breath-

"Oh, Mr. Heron, what have you done Were not your enemies all at with that poor, unhappy child?" she began. "Mrs. Steele declares that she went away with you to Heroncroftwith you, a young man and a bachelor!

"You are rather late with your proestations," said Heron dryly. "You should have advanced a few, Miss Carbury, against the verdict which Rivers croft. I acted solely for your inter- and the rest of them rendered here to-

"I'm sure I don't know what you mean," replied Miss Carbury, in a weak "Reflection!" she echoed. "Heaven deprecatory voice. "We all saw the have been so happy!" throwing out Ferrers's trunk. Oh, I am shocked, occurred in this house since morning. As for Colonel Rivers-poor, dear man! he is like a father mourning for an errpeer and a gentleman to remain a mo-

Heron's face grew dark.

"I cannot trust myself to answer you Miss Carbury. I must see my cousir Sergia and Colonel Rivers."

"Oh, but Sergia is ill, and unable "So bad as that? Well, surely she

as well confess it-because I loved you has been told of the events of the day, "Certainly not. It is always danger-

have your indifference than another ous to agitate sick people-her guarwoman's love. Judge Ferrers put the dian, of course, would not allow it." "In Heaven's name, what is the nature of an illness that necessitates such cousin's dearest friend.

Miss Carbury's small, wrinkled face betraved confusion and alarm.

"True, true, but dear Sergia's safety nust be considered. Both the doctor poor Hazel, and retiring into a window, and Colonel Rivers have given strict orders that she shall not be disturbed. scrutiny. She has a-a fever, resulting from the

answered defiantly. "Can one forget excitement of her first ball." Heron shrugged his shoulders. "Very odd! Is Sergia so frail? One would suppose that she might have passed unharmed even through the or-"Even such things do not kill love. I deal of a country house ball. So Ha-

"Fie!" cried Miss Carbury. ou are reflecting upon our dear colo "His treatment of you seems hardly nel! Believe me, he has acted throughout with wonderful kindness. He deepto induce Sir Griffin to see her once

> now he will tell you everything." The door opened and Pitt Rivers en

Oh, here comes the colonel himself-

"You are the very person that I mos wish to see, Heron!" he exclaimed cor dially. "You find us under a cloud. Our happy circle is broken. Is it true that poor Hazel has taken refuge in and parties at the Black River country

swered Heron, with something ominous in his hard, cold voice. "Judge complish, Hazel-to prove your inno- Ferrers, her grandfather, is also there -dead! I beg you will not leave the room, Miss Carbury," as that lady mov ed nervously toward the door. "I must my face again. I will put the world asked you to call Mrs. Van Wert also-

> "Mrs. Van Wert!" echoed the colone lifting his fine eyebrows. "I think she s sleeping. She has been greatly agi tated by the events of the day-it would be cruel to disturb her."

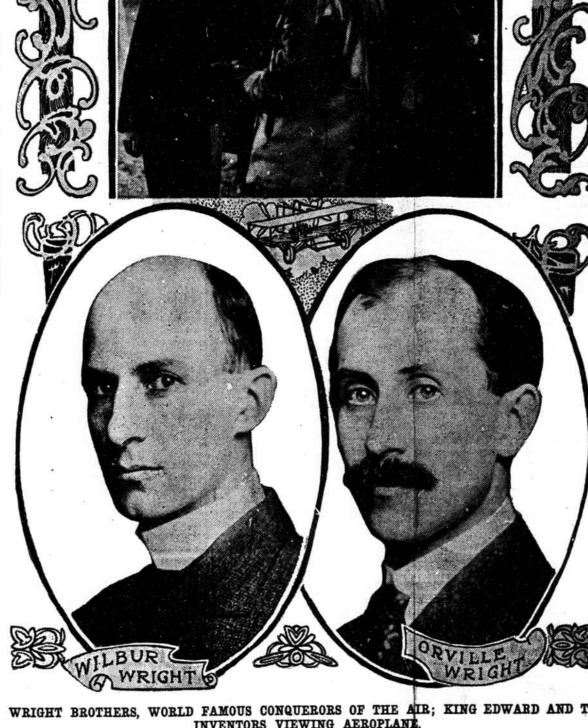
you all to hear."

"Nevertheless, she must be called, enlied Heron. "I insist upon it!"

The pretty widow answered the sun nons promptly. There was no sign of monds, and I assure you, our friend sleep about her-on the contrary, she Heron is either beside himself, or he is ooked very much awake. She flew to indulging in a huge joke at our ex

"Is it not a dreadful affair, Mr. Heon? Consider the shock to my nerves

-at table with us, petted and admired with a plain fact," he said stubbornly, "It was a surprise, certainly," replied by us all-wearing my bracelets at the "I say again-her diamonds are paste look on the other's face. "Allow me to from my dressing table! Oh!" setting statement at her leisure. Now one thing from my dressing table! Oh!" setting statement at her leisure. Now one thing Colonel Rivers. Your housekeeper, it was a woman, with high least personal, eminently Russian manner. fled in dismay. The professor dropped from everyday life in Cher little teeth vindictively, "I only re- more—an hour ago I married Hazel Mrs. Steele, carries a prodigious num- thrown back, and sloe-black eyes blaz- personal, eminently Russian manner.



WRIGHT BROTHERS, WORLD FAMOUS CONQUERORS OF THE AIR; KING EDWARD AND THE INVENTORS VIEWING AEROPLANE

Scientists everywhere, particularly those interested in aerial navigation, are awaiting expectantly for the tests that the Wright brothers are to make with their aeropiane at Fort Myer, Va. Before they sailed from England the with their aeroplane that would far surpass anything they have yet done and which would startle the generally believed that they have not begun to exhaust the possibilities of their machine. They were fairly lionized in London and before leaving gave their personal promises to King Edward that they would return later in the year and give further demonstrations before the British army experts. After their second visit to England they intend

gret that I did not deliver her at once a good thing for such a creature to lie

in prison." said Heron, almost roughly. "I beg permission. Mrs. Van Wert, to look at the bracelets which were found in that

lady's trunk." The trio stared. "My dear Heron," said the colone

gently, "what can you mean?" or refuse my request."

concealment? Hazel Ferrers is my she ordered her maid to bring her jewel-case to the drawing room.

rested Francis Heron took the bracelets which had wrought such woe to proceeded to examine them with close

at the ball," the gentleman said at last. "These jewels are paste."

"Paste!" screamed Mrs. Van Wert. ever filled these settings they have been

lets immediately to a lapidary, and see if he does not confirm my statement. before he fled from Wolfsden. But the I know something of stones-she may be assured that I speak the truth." ror-wild horses could not hold him.

the young widow. "To whose hands, Mrs. Van Wert, have you been in the habit of intrusting your jewels?

"My banker always kept them, unti came to Wolfsden," panted Mrs. Van Wert, with symptoms of strong hysterics. "I thought there might be balls houses, and, of course, I wished to shine at such gatherings. So I ventured to bring my diamonds with me. Annette and I have guarded them here."

"Very badly, it seems, for your jewels bracelets to her hand. "You had better look to any other gems of the same not stopped at your bracelets."

"Oh, my earrings," she shrieked; 'my solitaire necklace-my girdle"-Colonel Rivers put himself before

Wert; can you not trust yourself, and with you to a lapidary this very hour.

pense." Mrs Van Wert, reassured, sobbe softly on the colonel's arm. Heron looked on unmoved.

"I have acquainted Mrs. Van Wert -she can seek a confirmation of my

Ferrers by the deathbed of her grandson for a few moments." The announcement was like the

bursting of a bomb. The ladies stood "Married?" he repeated coldly. have married that girl, Heron?" "Precisely. It is now my right and

purpose to refute the charge of theft which has been brought against her. Miss Ferrers was your invited guest of your ward. Yet, here at Wolfsden an outrageous accusation, which you "I grant it, of course, since there is must have known to be false-you tried and injured her must now answer to no reason why I should not," said the in no way to defend her. As master of widow, with her hand on the bell, and this house you are responsible for what occurs in it. I hold you responsible,

are a liar and a coward!" Pitt Rivers changed rapid color, but ne controlled himself admirably, as became a high-bred gentleman.

"I make it a point never to quarrel "It is just as I suspected last night quiet dignity. "Heron, I forgive you Wolfsden. As for investigating this Subjects of the Czar Are Strangely In not yourself. This morning Miss Ferare laboring under strong excitement. way, of course. These ladies will bear witness that I implored their clemency it!" for that wretched girl. I know the power of inherited tendencies-her father- But do not frown-I will not speak of her antecedents. The whole nousehold saw the contents of the trunk. Even in your present state of mind, you really must not ask us to

His forbearance, his imperturbable

on?" she said, reproachfully. "Even if my diamonds are paste, as you de clare," she smiled incredulously, "Hazel could not have known it when she apgems does not lessen her crime. You say that she is innocent-fie! it would and abuse our estimable colonel to his be more to the purpose if you would explain how my bracelets came to be hidden at the bottom of her trunk. are gone!" said Heron, returning the along with the ring and money, stolen from Miss Carbury while Colonel Riv kind that you may have with you. It you frankly, Mr. Heron, but for the colis highly probable that the thief has onel's intercession, that guilty girl the colonel!" and she began to sob would have fared ill at my hands.

Heron looked impatient. the money and jewels in Miss Ferrers's to know it. trunk-who laid the plot-for such i plainly was-for her destruction. All must stand today without actual proof, the same, I say again, and a thousand he said; "but patience. That will come times over, she is innocent! I am here Be assured that I shall spare neither can you frighten a lady like this? to demand a thorough investigation of money nor effort to bring the truth to you?" "Of Paste? Pooh! You are talking great the whole affair-the mystery surcourse, you shall have your way," and nonsense! Be calm, my dear Mrs. Van rounding it must be sifted to the bot- heaven, all of you will yet see and actom. Has it occurred to any of you to knowledge your gross mistake, and Haall that you have, with me? I will go explain how Hazel Ferrers could have zel Ferrers's innocence-till then, goodentered Mrs. Van Wert's chamber, I, too, know a great deal about dia- when the door was secured from with-

> icating with the closet of Annette, the maid. This morning the detective discovered that the key to Miss Ferrers's own chamber fits perfectly that second

"I regret the absence of Mrs. Steele at this particular moment. When she Colonel Rivers, and the intimate friend returns, say to her that today I have made Hazel Ferrers's cause my ownthat she is no longer alone and unprotected-that those who have maligned

The setting sun, aslant through the drawing room window, fell redly on his sir, and I tell you to your face that you spare, sinewy figure and lean, dark face. For once Heron looked imposturies ago in Greece and Rome-Coling. The colonel put on an air, half lier's Weekly.

"I cannot quite follow you, Heron Mrs. Steele carries no duplicate keys, in the presence of ladies," he said, with for such things are not known at the insult, for it is evident that you are case, my dear fellow, you can rely upon me to help you to the utmost! My housekeeper, my servants, my guests, wood-tonight you declare that she is myself-all are at your service. We your wife. All is plain to us now-you will cheerfully appear before any court of inquiry to which you may summon and must relieve your feelings in some us. Consider me your friend, and ally in the matter. Here is my hand upon

But Heron, unappeased, drew

vomen his warmest supporters. "How churlish of you, Mr. Heron bristled Miss Carbury. "Depend upon serenity, went to Mrs. Van Wert's it, you are greatly deceived! That girl has somehow inveigled you into mar- to this country. By those who ought riage, and persuaded you to believe her guiltless. She is handsome, and we all know the power of beauty. But when you talk of plots in this house-under my nose-under the nose of Colonel propriated them. The quality of the Rivers-oh, that is too absurd for be lief, you know! And when you insult

> "I too, am cut to the heart," exclaimed Mrs. Van Wert, in a tragic tone. *Positively the whole affair grows more scandalous every moment. Berate me, Mr. Heron-call me all sorts of dreadful names, if you like, but spare-spare

was badly beaten, but he did not seen "The assertions which I have made

confidently look for your proofs?"

asked:

Heron's hand was on the door-knob,

when the colonel with playful irony, "At what time, Mr. Heron, may won't be too tiresome." parted with great cordiality. Suddenly, and with great violence the door was flung open from without.

"Now!" cried a voice, and on the hreshold towered an apparition that probably even that he and the governelectrified every person in the drawing or will become sincere friends or that with high head rive and be executed in the same im-

ng like coals of fire in her death-white

ver and Small Change. "Stop, Mr. Heron!" she cried, throw Passports are essential to any travelng out her arms to bar his way. "Stop

> forth both for our protection and for we came in contact were to see that so long as we were within their gates that

Does it sound sensational to deciare that American law, to a very large exent, makes for injustice? The facts are as sensational as the sound. The American Bar association has admitted other incidental Chinese attentions, it; leading judges have admitted it, and President Taft once framed a pointed ble speed to the nearest British consul amendment that no judgment, civil or and have our punishment meted out according to British law. criminal, should be set aside unless it

But money difficulties in China are appeared affirmatively that the error of not trifling. Dollars-that is, the silver dollar or tael-ceases to be current afriage of justice. Americans often ter Ichang, so that it is necessary when they take into account the part played travelling long distances into the interby the law's delay in encouraging rough nese banks. The compradore at the Chartered Bank at Hankow saw to this cedure is swift and punishment follows for us and presented us with the with certainty. For seventy-five years amount required by a draft on the in England, Ireland, Scotland and the Shansi Bank and its branches in prov-British colonies all over the world there inces through which we are traveling. has not been one case of lynching. We Hupeh silver dollars were also taken thich at Ichang and beyond could be yers succeeded in beating simplification converted into "shoes." A "shoe" is a lump of silver from which pieces must the Kansas City Bar Monthly for

March, Prof. John D. Lawson of the University of Missouri recalls the fact being a brass coin with a hole in it, a little attention, that when the Missouri legislature thousand being equal to about half a passed a law simplifying procedure the crown, would be forthcoming for Hupeh dollars, most cumbersome but necessa. Judge Lawson believes that our civil ry coins for paying coolies, boatmen procedure is immeasurably behind the and innkeepers.-Shanghai Mercury.

that if a man has the means to keep up the fight he can, in a majority of We have heard almost too much o cases, escape punishment for crime. As our rules are now, the main concern is not a search for truth. Law yers struggle to get errors into the record, witnesses are bullied and judges are afraid. Those complicated techicalities which the English judges invented long ago to protect the individual from cruelty and oppression have been retained and exaggerated by us. The English threw them away when the days of cruelty and oppres England now states, in perhaps forty the water; the Louvre and the Con- United States adopted the adhesive words of the utmost simplicity, that tain person. We fill pages of foolscap

To be Continued.

Miscellaneous Reading.

INJUSTICE IN THE COURTS.

Strongly Put.

the complaint had resulted in miscar-

attempts at justice. In England pro

have recently pointed out that the law-

in Montana. In an admirable article in

supreme court of that state upset it

age, and that in criminal procedure we

have not advanced a step since the

with the most ridiculous language, and then upset convictions if some one of the unnecessary words can be strained into a failure to observe some minor rule. The conviction of a man for murder is upset because the foreman of the jury spelled first "fust." An other conviction for murder is upset because the indictment charged that the victim died instantly, instead of hen and there; another, because breast was spelled without the "a"; another, because the record failed to state the

fact that the prisoner was present at his own trial, although the court could readily have determined that he was These things truly sound incredible We need a Jeremy Bentham to goad us into making legal justice a reality. We need a novelist to do what Dickens did in "Bleak House," or what Goldsmith did in "A Citizen of the World." We need a John Wesley to point out that our attempts at justice would have brought discredit on any court of cen

TOLD OF RUSSIANS

Russians without reaching a condition of utter amazement at the extraordinary inconsistency of their mental make-up. The kindest of men seem to receive placidly the most blood-curd ling doctrines; they enforce the cruelest of laws in the gentlest way or vice versa. They are perfectly charming to individuals in groups of two or three and utterly bloodthirsty to exactly simlar individuals in groups of twenty or thirty. Certain Jews after great massacres have testified that peasants have said to them: "Poor brothers, we must kill you!" An odd tale, illustrating by a revolutionist who has just come to know, it is said to be typical of a singular simplicity of mind which is also said to be peculiar to the Rus-

The follower of Tolstoy was called on for military service. He presented nation the unmistakable hair of the himself to the army officers as required and explained that he could not

"Ah," said the officer in charge po means prison?"

"Why send a guard at all!" he said. You," turning to the young man, "you can find your way there alone, can't

"Well, then, that saves a lot of trou ole," exclaimed the officers, delighted So they wrote him a careful letter of six foot male gorilla descended unsusntroduction to the governor of the prison, explaining that the bearer was nalled, the four ropes were pulled at to be locked up as soon as he arrived, in a most unpleasant cell.

The young man did as he was told and is now in prison. The chances are

TRAVEL REQUISITES IN CHINA. his camera and tried to escape; in

Passport For the Interior-Lump of Sil-

was I who hid Miss Carbury's money Ours were issued at the British conand ring there. I swear it by every- sulate and in size they looked like small thing in earth and heaven. I stole them ensigns covered with Chinese charac- baby, the brute's lips drawn back from ters, and in these a good deal was set his glistening teeth.

> On the other hand, if we made ourselves objectionable in any way we were not to be cast into prison, placed but we were to be taken with all possi-

be chipped as we proceed on our jour-

THE EVER PICTURESQUE SEINE. days of Queen Elizabeth. Judge Am idon of the Federal bench has stated With Its Bridges and Quays, It is the Most Distinctive Street of Paris.

> the streets of Paris, and not enough of that street most distinctive of all—the River Seine, Flowing through the city for six miles, it is a highway, with its bateaux mouches, its bridges and quays. Of a dark night the Seine may seem to lugubrious fancy the symbol of death in the city's life abounding; murky death and inky crime, oozy and silent wickedness. Yet normally, even sent from Baltimore in the '40s. Five perhaps to suicides, the Seine is but the of them bore two stamps, while the mirror of a city's mood. There are other four had only a single stamp each.

> is better to look upon the eddying re- own stamps. The postmaster of Balflections of the bridges here than to stand in the Place de la Concorde, bright with its orange lamps in honor of an auto show; the lights on the

than the gilded boulevards. Nor is it only in the moonlight that the Seine has charms. The holiday above the city; and there are ever such Buchanan." This signature was plac-Line fishing is more than a mild sport stamp. at Paris; even to watch its devotees seems to amuse your true Parisan. A tale seems likely enough, as the saunthe city quays alone, but in the ban- red stamped envelopes of straight delieu, where the Seine's green bank is nomination only two specimens are dabbed with villages in brown and red known to exist. and gray, and where one stops to watch afterward by the river's brink. With- of the compound envelope in the city, there are the men who clip easily worth \$1,500. poodles on the quays, and, higher, book and picture stalls with their merchants

No one can be long associated with and shifting groups of bargain hunters -the Odeon arcade for new books, the riverside for old.-May Scribner. their queer ideas of discipline, is told of the dank jungle in which a gorilla "For four days," continues the cap

serve because of his beliefs.

"You will be sent," continued the officer, "to the Caucausus," naming a prison of dreadful repute. "The guard deep, showing that it had lifted itself will have to start at once with you." He turned to several other officers and discussed the matter of the guard for a few minutes. Then he had a happy thought.

"That's all right," they said in grea satisfaction. "We hope your journey

"I seized my rifle and fired in the air to frighten the animal. In my position and hear me! It was I who put the er proceeding into the interior and "re I could not shoot at him without hitbracelets in Hazel Ferrers's trunk-it supplied at the various consulates, ting my friend. For a moment the gorilla stood still, holding the now unconscious man as though he were a

"I thrust another cartridge in my rithe Chinese. Students being regarded fie. As I did so, there was a buzz in the in China as essentially a class to be air, and an arrow shot by a native respected, the Chinese being nothing pierced the gorilla's side. A roar burst if not literary, we were classed as "men from his red throat and he dropped his of learning," and that those with whom victim. Like a flash, before I could shoot, a native sprang from the leaves, and half throwing, half thrusting, drove The Case For Reform in Procedure courtesy and attention were to be an assagi into the gorilla's heart. With

groan the brute fell dead. "Examining the professor I found that his right arm was broken and that some of his ribs were crushed into his lung. We gave up the effort to get a live gorilla, and placing the injured man in a hammock, carried him back toward the east coast. He died on the

"Out on the veldt beside a native village, a lonely little slab marked 'Carl Bloch' sticks up above the grass. It is the professor's grave. Hunting is not all exciting adventure and laughing victory. It has its tears like other things."'—Hampton's Magazine.

\$5,000 WORTH OF KNOWLEDGE.

This Stamp Collector Recognized

Variety When He Saw It. . Through his intimate knowledge of United States postage stamps a Phila-

The collector was passing the hous of a man who handled curiosities of various kinds, when the dealer called him in to take a look at nine stamped envelopes. The dealer said he knew othing about stamps and would like

"One hundred dollars apiece, or \$900 for the lot of nine pieces," came the prompt reply of the collector.

the dealer. "I offered these identical stamps to a well known stamp dealer here in town for \$35 each and he replied he would give only \$25 apiece." "Never you mind," said the collector

"The nine hundred goes, and I'm glad to have the chance." The envelopes or letters had been ciergerie, shown in the stream, are postage stamp and at a time when the ostmaster of each large city is

Postmaster Buchanan issued five and ten cent adhesive stamps and a series Seine and its images are more alluring, of five and ten cent stamped envelopes. The stamps on the envelopes showed a large figure "5" or "10," surrounded by a circle. Above was the word "Paid," and above that the name sculler finds it a paradise for miles of the postmaster in full, "James M.

fishermen as Maupassant's Renard, ed upon each envelope with a hand legend tells us that the Commune days, different colors. Sometimes, properly when the Hotel de Ville was fired on on account of the scarcity of the reguand a dark page written in the city's lar ten cent stamp, two of the fives history, the Seine fishermen pursued were used on one envelope to make up their pastime imperturbale. And the the sum of 10 cents. These were called terer watches the fisher folk, whose tion in his lot of nine envelopes obleisure may be envied more than their tained five of these compounds, all of occupation; and who are found not on which are very rare. Of the ten cent

The collector had no difficulty in dis-

From what can be learned these early envelopes with hand stamped signatures were issued in the latter part of 1845 for the first time. There is also on record a copy of the envolope with

Chinese Waters Not Yet Free From Brigands of the Sea. Captain Lewis B. Nichols of New York, is an old seafarer who has traveled on every ocean and waterway of

the world. Being asked by a Washington Herald reporter whether there were still pirates plying their trade, the seadog grimly smiled and said that they swarm the rivers and canals of China, and high seas. "In Chinese waters coastwise vessels, whether sail or steam, are never safe from sudden attacks; while the smaller and more shallow river vessels are captured and exploited in certain sections almost at will. Of recent years French, English and native gunboats have cruised the coast and explored the rivers and harbors in search of the marauders. But their depredations continue. Only a few weeks ago a series of piratical outrages

on the Grand Canal were reported. "It hasn't been so long since Chinese pirates infested the seas along the coast of that country and ventured far from land in their unlawful enterprises. The Chinese pirates travel in long, swift await the coming of the night in one of the lagoons of the Canton delta, and hidden in the bush. These were to then slip up to a laden boat as it pushes its way slowly up the river, board it and slay the crew. Then the boat disappears from the register of the far eastern trade and her goods are never

"There are many reasons why the pirate remains on the Chinese coast once and we had our animal-for a line and in the interior. Almost every Pacific ocean port has its quota of soldiers of fortune, but most of these are now gathered at Chinese ports. They organize raids, plan piracies and engage in a virtual war against the natives, but they are careful to employ native cutthroats and marauders to

> "Oh, yes, the Chinese government is cleaning them all out, and it won't take much longer before this romantic calling of piracy will also disappear

and her utter ingratitude ped long enough to give some neces-

the young preacher embarrassed by the ball last night, and stealing them later

to go to Germany, where the kaiser has invited them to make several flights. Not altogether, perhaps. Her next out- I dare say he found it impossible for a to the police. I am sure it would be father."

"Let us talk of Miss Ferrers later," petrified.

"I ask to see the bracelets," repeated Heron, "it is for Mrs. Van Wert to grant you suffered her to be overwhelmed by

From the satin cushion on which they

"Exactly. If the Rajah's diamonds

The ladies shrieked in chorus, Colonel Rivers came forward with an air of profound astonishment. "What strange thing are you saying,

In great concern, Rivers turned to

"For shame. Heron!" he cried:

in, and the key left in the lock?" Rivers smiled quietly.

Not a muscle of Heron's stubborn face changed. "Doubtless you have duplicate keys

"Martin has just driven Mrs. Steele to Black River on some errand for the

kitchen," replied Rivers placidly. "She cannot possibly reach home till night-Heron looked straight down at the

puzzled, half conciliatory.

back. "I decline to take your hand, sir! are not, and never can be, friends!" The two ladies regarded Heron with open indignation. It was the good fortune of Pitt Rivers always to find in

face-it is really more than I can bear.'

Heron moved toward the door.

Catching a Gorilla. Capt. Fritz Duquesne, the Boer ivory

hunter, was commissioned by a German naturalist society to capture one of each species of African quadrumana He was entirely successful in the work, except that he could obtain no gorilla, he writes under the title "Hunting Ahead of Roosevelt in East Africa.' Finally a pigmy pointed out a portion

tain, "we camped in this hotbed of disease. Beaters went out in all directions searching for the gorilla. At last some deep, wide scratches were found on a cluster of vines. On close exami gorilla was found on a broken twig. After some hours we found the tree where the gorilla lived. We could tell it by the greasy appearance of the litely, "but you understand that this bark, made so by the repeated rubbing of the gorilla's body. We could te by the fresh marks, with sap still wet, that the animal had recently ascended the tree. The scratches were short and up and not slid down, which would have made a long, shallow scratch. "We spread a strong net around the

> outer side. Around the top of the net there were drawn ropes from four directions held by half a dozen natives bring the top of the net together and thus bag our game. "After waiting some hours the leave above rustled and then opened as a pectingly and entered the trap. I sig-

> moment. He roared in fury, twisting,

jumping and biting the rope into

tree in a circle sloping upward on the

pieces. The natives were pulled about like dolls as he tried to reach first one and then another. The professor jumped about in excitement, trying to focus a camera on the infuriated animal. "At last the mighty arms of the gor illa broke a hole through the net and an order to put him to death will ar- he tore the rest from him as though it

were a rotten rag. Most of the natives

day to make a quick profit of over \$5,-000 on a small lot of envelopes bearing ordinary looking stamps to which ney. Lastly a quantity of cash, a cash the average person would have paid

to know what the collector would give

"Oh, I don't want to stick you," said

Two colors were used-red and blue -the stamps appearing on paper of compounds, and the collector in ques-

the peasants bathe their horses in the posing of his stamps for \$5,000, and stream itself, rubbing them down soon still has in his possession a specimen

the autograph signature of Postmaster

SOME PIRATES STILL

ometimes venture upon the adjacent

more seen by the owners.

carry out their plans.